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**EPA O&M – Meeting #17
August 10th, 2005
Venture Inn**

AT A GLANCE

**NEXT MEETING: Note: We meet again in November!
Next meeting: November 9th 2005; 7:00 am – 9:00 am
Venture Inn – The Cabinet Room (next to the Front Desk)**

Actions Needed/Agenda for Next Meeting

All: There are things we can do between now and November. See O&M in the long-term discussion notes. (e.g. education, local awareness, etc.)
Peggy: Community Resource Specialist status
Planning update
Catherine: Troy Community Involvement Plan and progress
Dan: Title/deed notation form, City of Libby (non-protest for annexation).
Ron: Stove replacement program update
Ted: Community Involvement progress (September technical mtg. and October public involvement meeting, other plans)

FROM the August 10th, 2005 MEETING**Attending**

The Operations and Maintenance Team members present: Catherine LeCours, Charlene Leckrone, Bob Marriam, Dan Thede, Ron Higgins, Wendy Thomi and Peggy Churchill. Also joining us were Mike Cirian, new Remedial Project Manager for EPA in Libby and Leroy Thom from TAG. Facilitator: Sandy Matheny

The Agenda

1. Cleanup Overview
2. Long term O&M group work (e.g. education, awareness)
3. Community Resource Specialist
4. Troy Community Involvement Plan and progress update
5. Johnston Acres update
6. Fact Sheets

1. Cleanup Overview

General Cleanup: Approximately 450 of the 1200-1400 properties have been completed. We have learned from the demolition procedures and will continue the program. Clean up in yards will occur if the presence is > 1% or if there is visible vermiculite in specific use areas (play area, flower bed, etc.). A separate project manager will be assigned to the mine site.

Planning: Several plans and reports (ambient air, demolition, baseline risk assessment, sampling approaches and results, etc.) are being incorporated into a Remedial Investigation Feasibility Study (RIFS). The study will be a 'stand alone' document that will also provide the basis for the Proposed Plan. The proposed plan will outline a preferred alternative for cleanup addressing OU#4 (residential/commercial sites), cleanup effectiveness, history of EPA involvement at the Libby site and scenarios attending to specific local concerns.

Community Involvement: The proposed plan is due out shortly after the holidays. It will receive a 30-60 day public review. With some time needed to incorporate comments, the ROD (Record of Decision) is expected to be out in the spring.

In addition to ongoing community information efforts (radio, newspaper column and focus meetings), there are plans for a technical training for local people on September 14th and 15th. The technical training is patterned after a session held last winter in Denver.

A large public meeting is also planned for October 11th at the Memorial Center. 'Blue' cards assessing levels of knowledge and satisfaction with the process were mailed out several months ago and will be mailed again later to evaluate public involvement efforts and action needed.

2. Long Term O&M Group Work

We brainstormed several thoughts for the future.

- O&M work may change in intensity depending on the ROD.
- Work will evolve based on what happens between 'now and then' and what we learn and what is left to do.
- Policies for material left at depth probably won't change while programs like HEPA vacs and carpet change-outs may.
- A Trust Fund may become a factor.
- The Community Resource Specialist work could evolve into a local emergency response team. Do we need to prepare a response team now? CRS as team leader, others with differing expertise?
- A notification (joint city/county) agreement/ordinance may be needed.
- A database or registry would provide historical tracking of what has been found and what has been done.

- How do we transfer that data?
- Transporting material after CDM is not here to do it – How do we make it easy to do the right thing?
- **Education/Involvement Opportunities – we can start some of these now.**
 - Expand those we invite and involve in O&M meetings.... The college, fire department, building contractors, unions, economic development groups, local historians/museum
 - Focus on schools.... Participation could be built into a wide spectrum of curriculum. Geology, history (esp. the Heritage Project), general science, media production, and building and shop programs could all include a focus on the issues and efforts surrounding asbestos.
- Empower and encourage people to take ownership in improving their own environment.

3. Community Resource Specialist

TAG meets with Libby City Council to discuss the CRS positions on August 15th. This is an excellent opportunity for City/County cooperation.

(This is what we said last time: "TAG plans to draft a position description for this work in coordination with the County and City Councils. A Memorandum of Understanding would outline and clearly define the role(s) for this work and for the participating parties. (EPA, State DEQ, County, and the Cities of Libby and Troy). "

4. Troy Update

Catherine has completed the Troy Community Involvement Plan. She has placed a copy in Troy at the City Hall and at the Libby EPA Information Center. Plans are delayed but still underway for removal at the Troy High School.

5. Johnston Acres

Paving begins August 15th. The emergency response team has been quick to take action whenever needed.

6. Fact Sheets

Fact sheets underwent very minor changes and are still under department review.